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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of)

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Serial No. 08/169,127) GROUP 1109 Group Art Unit: 1112

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF)

LASER PROCESSING)

PETITION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)(2), Applicants respectfully request that the attached Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be considered in this application, since it can be certified that no item of information in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a patent office outside the U.S. in a counterpart foreign application, or to the knowledge of the person whose signature appears below after making reasonable inquiry, was known more than three months prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement to any individual having a duty to disclose such information to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Specifically, the references noted in the attached IDS were cited in the co-pending divisional application of the instant application, namely, Serial No. 08/589,341. The citation of the references occurred in an Office Action mailed on June 10, 1996 and received by the undersigned's firm on June 11, 1996.



The Office Action was docketed into the undersigned's firm docketing system on June 12, 1996. Pursuant to the ordinary and established procedure for dealing with Office Actions received for this client, the Office Action was not reviewed by anyone having a duty to disclose information to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, but instead forwarded to the assignee of this application on June 13, 1996. The Office Action and cited references were received on June 19, 1996 and placed into the records of assignee on June 20, 1996. Consequently, the filing of the attached IDS should be considered timely under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d), since any individual having a duty to disclose the information provided therewith was not aware of the references, and, thus, did not "know" of them until some time after June 19, 1996.

A petition fee of \$130 is also provided herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (0756-945). A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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